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- 1. REF C NOTED INCREASED SOVIET SHIPPING ACTIVITY IN AREA AND INCLUDED EXAMPLE OF RATES.
- 2. ACCORDING TO SOURCE AT STATE OWNED NATIONAL SHIPPING AGENCIES COMPANY (NASACO), SOVIET SHIPPING LINE HAS RAPIDLY EXPANDED ITS BUSINESS WITH TANZANIA SINCE INCEPTION OF ITS OPERATIONS HERE THREE YEARS AGO. HE SAID A MR. CHAPICHENKO REPRESENTS THE LINE IN TANZANIA. SOURCE UNWILLING REVEAL TRAFFIC DATA. HE THOUGHT THAT VOLUME OF FREIGHT HANDLED BY BESTA AND BALTA AFRICA WOULD CONTINUE INCREASE, PARTIALLY AT EXPENSE WESTERN LINES; FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:
- -- SOVIET LINE REGULARLY CHARGES LESS THAN CONFERENCE LINES. (PRESUME BESTA RATES TO/FROM DAR ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE DESCRIBED REF B FOR MOMBASA.)
- --ITS SHIPS ARE WILLING CARRY "DIRTY CARGO", SUCH AS CEMENT AND FERTILIZER, OFTEN SHUNNED BY WESTERN LINES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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-- BESTA WILLING TAKE TANZANIA'S EXPORTS TO VIRTUALLY ANY EUROPEAN PORT AND ENGAGE IN INTERCOASTAL SHIPMENT BETWEEN DAR AND TANGA.
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